IN THE SENATE

SENATE PROCLAMATION NO. 102

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A PROCLAMATION

COMMENDING THE COLLEGE OF IDAHO SKI AND SNOWBOARD TEAM FOR THEIR SUCCESSES AT THE UNITED STATES COLLEGIATE SKI & SNOWBOARD ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

We, the members of the Senate of the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, do hereby proclaim:

WHEREAS, The United States Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Association (USCSA) is the sports federation for collegiate team ski racing and snowboarding in America; and

WHEREAS, in excess of 178 colleges from coast to coast, field some 4,700 men and women, alpine, cross-country and snowboarding athletes in over 200 race events annually; and

WHEREAS, the USCSA held its 2011 national championships in Sun Valley during the first week of March in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the College of Idaho ski program recorded its most prolific national championships in the nearly 50 year history of the program, as the Coyotes won a school record five team titles at the 2011 USCSA National Championships; and

WHEREAS, the College of Idaho's men's freestyle team won a trio of titles - in the Slopestyle event, the Halfpipe and the Freestyle Combined, while the Lady Yotes claimed the Freestyle Halfpipe event and the Freestyle Combined; and

WHEREAS, individually, the team had 21 All-America performances, led by Kelley Fitzpatrick, who became the 17th individual national champion by winning the Women's Skier-X competition. She also earned All-America honors in the Halfpipe and in the Freestyle Combined; while three other Lady Yotes earned All-America honors including, Stephanie Dunn in the Halfpipe, Skier-X and Combined; Sarah Silva, in the Snowboard Slopestyle and Halfpipe; and Nina Hirner, who earned Combined All-America honors in Alpine; and

WHEREAS, the Coyote men were led by Cliff Mailloux, who earned All-America honors in the Slopestyle, Halfpipe and Combined, as did Skylar Herbert and Zach Tomlinson, while Jack Lewis earned honors in the Slopestyle and the Combined and Travis Morris was honored in the Halfpipe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the members of the Senate assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, that we recognize and congratulate the College of Idaho's ski and snowboard team for their historic achievement at the 2011 USCSA National Championships.